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PRESIDENT/ EDITOR'S MESSAGE Q BRCA

by Alex MacWilliam

The famous Austro-Bohemian composer Gustav Mahler reportedly said, "Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer! I must get out and breathe the air deeply again." I am sure we all share his sentiments as we emerge from a second pandemic winter.

In addition to the opportunity to emerge from our hibernation, spring brings with it a host of activities right here in our beautiful neighbourhood. The kids' soccer program is back after a two-year hiatus due to COVID. I am very much looking forward to seeing Murdoch Park filled with eager, energetic children enjoying "the beautiful game". Our terrific group of Farmers' Market volunteers and vendors will be bringing us a weekly cornucopia (word of the month) of products starting in June. Another group of dedicated volunteers will be coordinating the growing season at the Rooftop Garden at the Community Hall. Details of these and other BRCA activities are in this issue of Bridges.

This month's cover photo is proof that we live in a lovely part of the city, but it takes a lot of effort to maintain the great public spaces and parks we are blessed with in our neighbourhood. Many Bridgeland-Riverside residents volunteer their time to keep this community looking its best. A number of activities, including the annual Community Clean Up, are taking place this month and we are looking for volunteers to join our local crews. Its a great way to meet your neighbours and contribute to the community. Further information can be found in this issue.

The BRCA Annual General Meeting will take place at the Community Hall on Thursday, May 26. This will be the first in-person AGM since 2019, so we are hoping to see lots of community members in attendance.

That's enough from me this month. I'm heading outside for some fresh air and a walk around the neighbourhood.

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BRCA Spring Soccer

Spring Soccer is scheduled to start the week of April 25!

We are very excited to have the Youth Soccer Program back this year. Our program is dependent on parent volunteers, and we need more coaches to help make our soccer season a success. Also, if you are interested in being a referee, please contact us at soccer@brcacalgary.ca.

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Bridgeland Riverside Farmers' Market

Call for Vendors!









We are very excited to be planning our 2022 outdoor season (launching June 23rd) and are looking for local vendors to join our stellar line-up.

Do you make, bake or grow an amazing product, or know someone who does? email: farmersmarket@brcacalgary.org or visit: www.brcacalgary.org

THE SIMPSONS

Although a very well-known, stand alone show now, The Simpsons actually started as a series of short sketches on The Tracey Ullman Show in 1987. Who would have known the family would become so popular and remain relevant even 35 years later!



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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP!

- Community Clean Up April 30th lead and assist position (recycling station, registration center)
- Community Clean Up April 30th Event day litter clean up (go to brcacalgary.org to register soon)
- Picnic Table Maintenance (mid April depending on weather) - sanding and staining
- La Piazza Clean Up and Opening (mid April depending on weather) - move chairs and tables, sweep gravel, etc
- Farmers' Market event day set up/tear down volunteers

 Thursdays starting June 23

- Murdoch Park Shrub weeding and pruning (May-Sept)
- Murdoch Park Rain Garden rose pruning (Apr-May)
- Riverside Park Rain Garden rose pruning (Apr-May)
- St. Matthews Square –Rose pruning (Apr-May)
- La Piazza Shrub weeding (May-Sept)



If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please email membership@brcacalgary.org



NEW SENIORS PROGRAMMING COMING SOON!

- Walking Groups
- Yoga
- Guest Speakers
- Coffee
- Luncheons



For more information check our website www.brcacalgary.org/programs or email programs@brcacalgary.org

Plant Together – Grow Together: BRCA Rooftop Garden

The BRCA Rooftop Garden is gearing up for another season of growing together with some exciting new activities focussing on creating community connections!

The garden, located on the roof of the BRCA Community Hall, has 20 individual small and large plots.

Applications for the 2022 growing season are open from March 15 to April 15, 2022. You must be a resident of Bridgeland-Riverside and a member of the Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association to be eligible to apply for a garden plot.



Preference is given to persons living in apartments and condos. Individual gardeners are responsible to weed, water, care for, and harvest throughout the season on their specific plot and must participate in the spring and fall clean-ups. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received.

Large plots: \$40 Small plots: \$30

To offer barrier free gardening, we have a limited number of plots which we can offer at a reduced rate. Please contact rooftopgarden@brcacalgary. org for more information.

Once the application period is open, the Gardener Application Form will be found at https://brcacalgary.org/programs/rooftop-garden/.

Help Out with the Rooftop Garden

If you're interested in volunteering with the rooftop garden, please email rooftopgarden@brcacalgary.org.



BRIDGELAND RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

APRIL 30, 2022 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

LITTER PICK UP VOLUNTEERING

REGISTER ONLINE

brcacalgary.org/connect/events-activities/

- We are looking for volunteers like you to help tidy up our beautiful parks and neighbourhood streets.
- We also need volunteers to help plan and organize the event. If you're interested please email membership@brcacalgary.org

MEET AT THE HALL

On April 30, from 9 AM to 11 AM meet, at the BRCA Hall to sign in, get supplies, and be assigned an area.

Please come prepared for the weather with gloves, appropriate clothing, and closed-toe shoes.

Refreshements and snacks will be provided.

QUESTIONS?

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METAL

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COVID-19

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Neighbourhood Grants: A Tool We Can All Use



A small corner of Bridgeland's garden

Have you ever had an idea for a community project to make your community better, meet your neighbours, tackle issues in your community? Then you might consider applying for a Neighbourhood Grant offered in your community like Kari Priolo did in the community of Bridgeland.

Kari Priolo's family immigrated from Italy after World War II when gardens had been a necessity. That's where Kari found her passion for gardening. Each spring she looks forward to the pleasure that comes from watching something grow as a result of one's efforts. In Kari's case, this describes both the garden and sense of community that has been created through the community garden project.

Kari Priolo lives in the Calgary community of Bridgeland. Bridgeland is immediately adjacent to East Village on the north side of the Bow River. Their community garden began eight years ago. With an initial \$1,000 from the Neighbourhoud Grant program, a group of residents came together in Bridgeland Place to build four plots and purchase a few basic gardening tools and seeds. They have received two additional grants of \$1,000 which has allowed their group to extend their garden to include 25 families. Bridgeland's garden combines ground level planters with raised planters for seniors and those with disabilities to make the garden inclusive to all. The group also extended the garden to the local daycare which has quickly become one of the children's favorite activities.

"Every member of the garden group plays a role," says Kari, from building garden beds, getting the beds ready, watering, and sharing their gardening expertise. "The garden has not only beautified our community but also increased the

pride we have, the relationships between neighbours and increased our skills in growing our own food."

Even though spring won't arrive for a few weeks, the group is giving a great deal of thought to this year's garden and are anxious to get outside and begin the new garden season.

Bridgeland Place Community Garden is an example that a great idea and with a small sum of money can produce remarkable results. Any resident from Bridgeland who has an idea for a project that increases social inclusion, builds skills of residents, or enhances Truth and Reconciliation in the community would benefit their community by applying for a Neighbourhood Grant.

For additional information on Neighbourhood Grants, including how to apply, go to the City of Calgary's website, https://www.calgary.ca/csps/cns/strong-neighbourhoods/strong-neighbourhoods/granting-programs.html.

TIME ZONES

There is a large cloud of mystery surrounding the concept of time across the globe. We know different places have different time zones, but did you know that due to their scattered national territories, France actually has different 12 time zones!!? Now that's a lot of time to keep track of!





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Park Naming Update – Annie Gale Park

By the time you read this report, the BRCA Park Naming Committee will have submitted our report to the City of Calgary and formally requested approval for the names of 8 parks in Bridgeland–Riverside. It will take some time for our recommended names to be reviewed and presented to City Council for approval. Thank you Bridgelanders for your support and suggestions on the project over the past months. While we wait for approvals, lets take a peek at one of the new parks that is not well known to many of us.



'Annie Gale' is the name we are recommending for Park #7. It is located at the bottom of the escarpment and the 7A Street stairs just north of McDougall Road. The park was created after construction of two apartment buildings by Calgary Housing about 5 years ago. Resident parking was provided as angle parking in front of the buildings on McDougall Road, freeing up this lovely green space to the rear. Most importantly, the new park is along a paved pathway and adjacent to the Vacant Lots Garden Heritage Park. Annie Gale was the first female "alderman" in Calgary and in Canada. She was elected in 1917, very soon after women were awarded the right to vote in Alberta. Concerned about matters of public health, especially food quality and security, Annie formed the Women's Ratepayers Association of Calgary. She worked to improve hospitals, children's playgrounds, streetcar system expansion, and to ensure that the milk supply was safe from tuberculosis. Annie Gale was an early member of the Vacant Lots Garden Club, a movement that encouraged people to plant gardens and grow their own food on vacant lots around the city. Her advocacy also resulted in a new public market where locally grown produce could be sold. Annie's significant contribution to the health of Calgarians and her commitment to vacant lot gardens in those early days made it quite natural to name this park after her.

To date, this park has not had any development and many people do not know of its existence. How can we best make use of this lovely space in the future? The spruce trees provide much appreciated shade during our hot summer days and the 7A Street stairs are a great place to do fitness runs. We are hopeful that the city's Mobile Fit Park will be placed here for a couple of weeks this spring (watch for details). Would some park benches make this a more appealing destination? Is the space suitable for a game of bocce or croquet? There are lots of possibilities here! Be sure to get out and explore this new park and consider how you might like to use it and see this park evolve in the coming years.

BRCA Park Naming Committee

Volunteer Profile – Richard Mah

How long have you lived in Bridgeland-Riverside? I've lived in Bridgeland for just over 10 years now and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here so far. The things I enjoy most about Bridgeland are the public spaces, such as the ample green space at Murdoch Park, the gathering spaces and inviting lights at the General Avenue Plaza, and the views of the city that can be seen from Tom Campbell's Hill Park and at the top of the bluffs. I love just walking around Bridgeland and looking at the wide range of architecture, from the hundred-year-old houses to the new skyrises.

How did you get involved in volunteering in our community?

I originally joined the BRCA Rooftop Garden as a gardener since I was interested in trying to grow a few vegetables for myself, and, being a condo dweller, a community garden was really the only option for that. The year after I joined, several committee members had to resign from the organizing committee, so I joined and have been part of it ever since.

What kind of volunteer activities have you done?

Within Bridgeland, I primarily have been involved in organizing the Rooftop Garden, however outside of the community I've also volunteered at Beakerhead and as a judge for the Calgary Youth Science Fair.



What ideas do you have for volunteering in the future? What interests or excites you?

The Rooftop Garden committee is excited about expanding community engagement and have discussed a variety of potential ideas for expanded involvement including possible events, collaborations with artists, and organized walks.

What would you tell others in the community about volunteering?

Part of what makes Bridgeland so great is how many people volunteer to help make our public spaces inviting places to be. I'd like to let all volunteers know that their efforts are very appreciated, as sometimes we might take all the work people do for granted!

What do you like most about volunteering for the Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association?

It's nice being able to contribute a little bit to making Bridgeland a beautiful community to live in, and it always makes me happy to hear how much people enjoy the Rooftop Garden, whether they are gardeners or whether they are just visiting.

Beacon Original Art

Beacon Original Art returns to the BRCA Hall on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for its Annual Spring Art Show and Sale. Chat with local artists and feast your eyes on some beautiful original art: paintings, jewelry, glass, photography, ceramics, sculpture, and textiles. Free admission, draws, and no GST. We hope to see you!





Tree Planting FAQs

Looking to plant a tree this spring but not sure where to start? The BRCA Tree Team has put together a list of FAQs to help make your planting experience as easy and successful as possible. Thanks for your interest in helping increase the tree canopy in our beautiful neighbourhood!

1. Where do I get a tree to plant?

The City of Calgary offers a free program to residents, Branching Out, which allows people to register to pick up a tree in the spring. Be sure to visit www.Calgary. ca/trees to stay tuned for information on program registration in the coming months!

Beyond the City, there are several local garden centers and nurseries that are great options to pick up a tree. Please note that some of these companies require you to preorder for sales. so visit their websites for more information.

2. What kind of tree should I plant?

The City of Calgary is a great resource for this question! On their website you can find a list of species that are able to thrive in Calgary's unpredictable weather. They have listed several categories of trees and species that fall within each category.

3. How do I start planting a tree? Where do I plant it?

'Right Tree, Right Location' is an online module prepared by the City to help answer these questions. It gives you a list of considerations before you start planting, steps on how to plant, and caring for your tree once it has been planted. Please note, that completion of this module is required to participate in the Branching Out Program.

Questions about bylaws relating to your new plant or older tree? You can find information regarding shrubs, trees, requirements for newly construction, and protecting trees during construction on the City's website.

Reminder to contact 311 before digging to locate any utilities on your property for your safety.

4. How do I make sure my newly planted tree is getting enough TLC?

From pruning to watering, the City has provided all the information you need on these topics. They have provided the resources to inform you on pests, when to call an arborist, and how much water your tree needs, depending on its age.

5. Tell me more about the City's Branching Out Program!

- The Program is 100% free.
- Residents will need to complete the "Right Tree, Right Location eLearning Module" on the Branching Out webpage as the registration form to fill out for a tree is

at the conclusion of the module.

- Upon registration, please ensure that you are picking the correct tree for your yard and that you are able to pick up your tree. Trees will not be exchanged for other species, and any trees not picked up on the pickup date will not be available for pick up on another day.
- By registering for a tree, you are agreeing to submit your address and tree location as well as a photo so that the geolocation of the tree can be tracked on the tree inventory map that Urban Forestry looks after to be able to include it in the canopy percentage goals.
- There is a limited number of trees available, so keep an eye open for the registration date.
- The species available this year are:
- Siberian Larch
- Ussurian Pear
- Trembling Aspen
- Paper Birch
- Courageous Crab
- Ponderosa Pine

Happy planting!

Tylar and the BRCA Tree Team

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